

## FY2017 MSC Budget Notes

1. The most significant difference you will see from last year is that we don't have \$28,000 in vacancy savings being applied as revenue. This year, it is \$6,000. This does make a significant difference in the costs that each library will pay. If we have stable staffing with no vacancies, which is ideal, we will not be able to use vacancy savings as we have in past years. Our vacancy savings went down by 79%. While the \$6,000 we anticipate for vacancy savings has again been applied as revenue, this is not recommended for FY18 due to the volatility of this type of funding.
2. This budget includes an increase to our Syndetics licensing which will add DVD and CD covers to our OPAC displays. This is a cost of \$3,300 and it was requested that we investigate this addition to enhance the look and feel of the catalog. Previously, \$2,500 was earmarked for Enriched Content and we are applying those funds to the increase in our Syndetics licensing. This is a 16% increase to the cost of our Enriched content. If we do not increase our Enriched Content licensing the OPAC will show cover art for books only.
3. The salary increases that were approved during the last legislative session will increase staff salaries in FY2017 by approximately \$5,900.
4. Overall, the SirsiDynix bill increased by 2.08% as is written into our contract. With the Courier cost sharing approved, the total budget without vacancy and State general funds has increased from 446,242.55 to 465,816.52, a 4.39% increase. Without the Courier, the budget is \$464,366.52 and the increase is 4.06%.
5. Other cost increases you see include Shoutbomb, since a few additional libraries have signed up for a full year of service. Another change you might wonder about is the decrease in LSTA expenses. These funds change each year depending upon how many new libraries have applied for LSTA funding to join the MSC.
6. The overall costs for Training, Travel and Meetings has not increased, although we adjusted \$1,000 from Training to Conferences in order to be better in line with what we plan to actually spend and what has been spent in the past. It is important to note that the actual costs for Committee travel to and from meetings have been significantly higher this year than what was budgeted and this might need to be addressed in FY2018 in order to avoid a shortfall.
7. The combination of increased personnel costs, increased server maintenance costs, and the loss of \$22,000 in revenue from vacancy savings accounts for the 12% increase in member contributions for FY2017.